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Attachment to box 3:

Applicant originally claimed a phase separation agent present during decantation but absent during precipitation. New limitations to independent claims 11 and 22 claim a phase separation agent which is absent at time of phase inversion. Said limitation changes the scope of the claim, raising new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Attachment to box 11:

(1) The claim language in claims 11 and 22 reads “in case a phase separation agent is used”. Said optional language does not need to be examined, and therefore the remaining pertinent arguments made by Applicant have been previously addressed in the Final Office Action of 12/1/08. If the optional language is removed, it raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

(2) Claims 11 and 22 read on any polymer, solvent and non-solvent, while the showing is only for PVC, MEK and water, respectively. The showing is not commensurate in scope with the claims.